

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2012**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Callahan. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Callahan, Cirone, and Kellis.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kellis wanted to add item M. Disc golf at the park to the agenda. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by motion above were:

1. Minutes of December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report January 31, 2012
3. Approval of Audit Contract for year ending 6/30/2012
4. Police Department Report for January 2012

C. Public Comments

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

D. Display case for meeting room.

Mayor Callahan showed board members a drawing prepared by Scott Wegner. It was decided to ask him for a price quote increasing the dimensions to 4' x 5'. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to table any further action until a quote is received. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discuss reply from NCDOT regarding speed limit on Vass-Carthage Road and recommendation from Chief Deel.

Chief Deel reported that he did perform a traffic speed study and the average speed was 48 mph and if you were to increase the speed limit to 45 they would be going well over 50 mph coming into town. His recommendation would be not to increase the speed limit since the DOT wanted to increase it from the town limits all the way to US # 1. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion that we not increase the speed limit on Vass-Carthage road based on the recommendation of Chief Deel. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

F. Report of Chief Deel and introduction of new auxiliary officers.

Chief Deel reported that since adding two additional auxiliary officers we have increased our coverage by 28.7%. He introduced Drew Schofield and Rick Bickel who are the two new auxiliary officers.

G. Discuss replacement of electrical outlets on light poles and Christmas decorations and possible contract with Progress Energy to do the work and discuss the possible purchase of additional lights.

There was discussion as to the need to replace all of the electrical outlets for Christmas lights on the light poles. Everyone decided it would be best to contract with Progress Energy for the work. There was discussion as to where we would want the new outlets. All agreed to have the lights concentrated in the downtown area of Seaboard, Bank and Maple Streets. Commissioner Kellis and Andy Layton will survey the area and decide which poles to have them installed on. Then possibly in the next budget year we can purchase new Christmas lights and additional banners. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion that we contact Progress Energy for the estimated cost of a life-time contract. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Discuss painting of parking space lines on Seaboard Street.

Administrator explained that in the last month at least three people had come in to complain that the lines needed to be repainted as people were parking however they wanted particularly in front of the post office. Administrator was to get quotes for the work.

I. Discuss painting of park benches and tables.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion that the park tables and benches be painted green similar to the color of the roof on the Picnic Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Report on Phase 2 Sewer Project – CDBG Grant Proposal.

Mike Apke from McGill & Associates showed the board a map of the proposed area to extend sewer that would be gravity fed. The area would be that on US # 1 from Carolina Crate and Pallet north to the town limits and then out Poplar, down Lincoln and the areas of Barnes and Vine. In order to apply there has to be a documented need from the Health Department for 50% of the households and the residents have to be income eligible. It will require that someone go door to door and get the required income information from the residents. Commissioners Bridgers, Kellis and Callahan said they would be willing to do that. There also has to be a public hearing held and that has been scheduled and advertised for Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. The grant proposal and all information is due by February 29. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to proceed with the grant process. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion and approval of 2011-2012 Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Cirone made a motion to approve the budget amendments as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Discuss NCDOT planting plan for 690 interchange.

Mayor Callahan showed board members a sketch plan sent to him by DOT. Board members reviewed it. Mayor Callahan said we should consider any proposed changes and submit them to DOT. DOT would be doing the plantings probably in October. Further discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

M. Discuss the possibility of Disc Golf in the park.

Commissioner Kellis told the board that the Sandhills Disc Golf Association is interested in putting a 9 hole disc golf course at the park. They estimate the cost to be \$2,000 - \$3,000 and they would pay half the cost if the town would provide matching funds. Board members would like to see a proposed layout of the course. Commissioner Kellis said he would meet with the members and bring a plan to the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cirone made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Josephine E. Smith, CMC
Town Clerk